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Asphalt

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 3, 4, 4-5, 6 for the corresponding paragraphs on file. Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 through 29 of the literal translation are cancelled.

Please add the attached new claims 30 to 88 to the specification.